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TODAY'S WEATHER: Light variable winds, freshening later from an East quarter; partly cloudy, with showers developing during the night.

1 p.m. Observations: Barometric pressure, 1001.7 mbs., 29.58 in. Temperature, 80.3 deg. F. Dew point, 81 deg. F. Relative humidity, 78. Wind direction, North-North-East. Wind force, 7 knots. Low water, 9 in. at 5.27 p.m. High water, 4 ft. 8 in. at 12.15 a.m. (Saturday).

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Currency Reform Reactions

SCEPTICISM AND OPTIMISM

Shanghai, Aug. 20.—A group of 25 local Government and Kuomintang officials and industrial businessmen left for Nanjing last night to attend a conference with the Premier, Dr. Wang Wen-hao, regarding the new currency reform promulgated yesterday.

Meanwhile, all Government and commercial banks will be closed today and tomorrow.

The first reaction to the new currency reform, which hit the city like a bombshell late yesterday afternoon, varied from mild optimism to outright scepticism.

All financial sources contacted were unanimous in the opinion that confidence of the people in the new currency would be the paramount factor in its success or failure.

"BAD BEGINNING"

It was pointed out that it is almost impossible for the Government to call in all gold, silver and foreign currency holdings unless the public is confident in the new Gold Yuan.

Commenting on the Government statement that the new currency would be 100 per cent backed, the question asked was, "but what exactly is the support? What reserve has the Government got on hand, and where does it expect to obtain the rest?"

Businessmen regarded the statement that import quotas would be still further reduced as "a bad beginning for what is to be a good currency."

Most observers were interested in finding out what part present American aid would play in providing part of the backbone to the currency, and whether the United States Government might be willing to back further the new departure in Chinese currency.—Reuter.

Abandons Flight

Marcellus, Aug. 19.—Mrs. Richard Morrow Tait, who was forced to abandon a round-the-world aeroplane trip, today said she would return to London and start all over again.

The landing gear on her plane was damaged landing and she said repairs would delay her flight too long.

There is no definite date set for her next departure from London.—Associated Press.

BERLIN GUN BATTLE

Cobra Causes 23 To Die

Madras, Aug. 19.—Twenty-three persons were drowned when trying to escape from a cobra which got into a river boat, press reports from Trichinopoly said today.

The reports said the cobra itself, trying to escape drowning in South India's sacred river Cauvery which is now in spate, boarded a passing country boat near Trichinopoly.

The panic stricken passengers and crew huddled at one side of the boat which capsized at a point where the river is at its widest.

Only one person managed to swim ashore, the reports said, and no bodies had yet been recovered.—Associated Press.

ATTACK ON SPY PROBE

Washington, Aug. 19.—President Harry S. Truman today charged that the present Congressional "spy hearings" were an infringement of the Bill of Rights and of the civil liberties of the American citizen guaranteed by that document.

He made this charge at a press conference, while disclosing that his Administration was studying the possibility of introducing new and more stringent anti-espionage laws.

He stressed, however, that the drafting of such laws was very difficult without infringing civil and individual rights.

"And I am against any Gestapo law," the President declared.

He also flatly denied that any vital war secrets had "leaked" or been "carried out" from the United States Government during the war.

President Truman was asked his views of the significance of the case of Mrs. Kosenkina, the Soviet school teacher who threw herself out of a third-floor window of the Soviet Consulate in New York last week and was seriously injured.

"I think it indicates," Mr. Truman declared, "that there are a lot of people in Russia who believe in the freedom of the individual, just as the whole of the United States does."—Reuter.

Four Civilians Killed, Eight Wounded

Berlin, Aug. 19.—At least four German civilians were killed and eight others injured tonight when British sector and Soviet sector German police clashed in a gun battle at Potsdamer Platz in central Berlin.

First reports came from German sources who said that the encounter started at 6.30 p.m. Berlin time. British public safety and military police officers could not be reached immediately.

Paul Markgraf, chief of the Soviet sector German police, contacted by United Press by telephone shouted: "I can't tell you anything. I can't tell you anything at all about it." Before the question about the reports could be completed, he cut off the connection.

Burmese Rebels Given Hot Time

Attacked By Land, Air And River

Rangoon, Aug. 19.—Burmese navy craft shelled both river banks of Wataya village, 25 miles northwest of Rangoon, today inflicting "heavy casualties" on rebels who have been holding out there for nine days, said tonight's official communiqué.

Burmese planes swept in and machinegunned the area from a low altitude, said the communiqué, reporting that today's attack resulted in the heaviest reverse yet suffered by the rebels in this battle.

Wataya village is believed to be the main headquarters of the renegade union military police, who mutinied and went over to the Communists last week.

The communiqué said that four navy vessels participated in the combined land, air and river attack. The insurgents were mown down by strafing planes as they fled to the jungle for shelter.

Two naval men were wounded and the navy is now patrolling the area, the communiqué added.

Burmese planes also machinegunned motor vessels and steam launches seized by the rebels at a place 10 miles south of Bogaile, important rice centre in the delta, the communiqué announced. Many river craft were sunk, it said.

TOWN SEIZED

It revealed that 400 insurgents seized Moumelingyun, another large delta town after a five hour battle with an outnumbered police force. The rebels seized all the rice stocks in the town.

Rice milling recommenced at Bassein rice centre, 90 miles from Rangoon which fell into rebel hands a fortnight ago, it was officially announced today.

Normal conditions are prevailing at Bassein now cleared of rebel elements and several hundred tons of rice are being sent to Rangoon for overseas shipment.

Meanwhile, irrigation dams at four places in the Shwabe river, north-west of Mandalay have been destroyed by insurgents, the announcement said, adding that rebel troops are being routed by loyal Burmese soldiers.—Associated Press.

Gun Explodes, Kills Nine

Stockholm, August 19.—Nine men including two Army officers were killed in a gun explosion at a secret coastal gun battery in the southern Stockholm archipelago at 10.30 GMT today. Five men were wounded, one seriously.

The explosion occurred while the group was firing a 21-centimetre gun which burst with a terrific explosion. The victims belonged to the Swedish division of the coastal artillery forces and the Navy.

The wounded were taken by boat to the mainland and flown to the nearest hospital.

The exact scene of the disaster has been kept a secret. The authorities said that the explosion was caused by a mechanical fault in the firing mechanism of the gun.—United Press.

Correspondents and photographers rushed to the scene in jeeps.

American public safety officials said that they had not been informed of the incident.

British military police officials said later that patrols which were rushed to the scene reported "at least four civilians dead and eight injured." They said it was not immediately known if any of the opposing police of Berlin's split police department were casualties.

MARKETEERS CHASED

British sources said that the battle developed when the Soviet sector police chased German "black marketeers" into the adjoining British sector during a raid on black market operators in Potsdamer Platz.

The Soviet police who had been frustrated in a number of raids when their intended victims sought safety across the British sector border, were said to have opened fire.

British sector German police who had been watching the progress of the raid, returned the fire. The dead and injured Germans were civilians caught in between the opposing police during the exchange.

Lieutenant T. L. McKenzie of the British Provost Marshal's office and British MPs on the scene said that four persons were killed and eight or more injured when Soviet Sector German police fired at Germans fleeing from the Soviet sector to the British and American sectors.

American Military police at the scene said that they knew of only one killed "but there might be more."

Mr. Ray Ashworth, American director of Public Safety, said that 20 were injured but knew of no deaths.

HOSPITALS SILENT

Hospitals in that area refused to give out information, stating they have been told by the police that they could not talk.

The Soviet-licensed ADN News Agency tonight gave this account of the incident:

"A large crowd of black marketeers attacked a small patrol of the Soviet sector German police at about 7 p.m. tonight during a raid commanded by the Deputy sector police, Commander Wagner."

"One policeman was seriously wounded when hit by a stone and had to be taken to hospital."

"Since the crowd threatened the police fired warning shots into the air after which the crowd retreated to the American sector."

Three truckloads of fully armed Soviet soldiers entered Potsdamer Platz at 9 p.m. (Berlin time) and faced armed American Military police across the Soviet-West sector border, where an armed police clash occurred two hours earlier.

CROWD ORDERED BACK

The Soviet soldiers ordered a crowd of Germans back from the area where four persons were reported to have been killed and wounded between eight and 20 injured when the Soviet sector German police opened fire on black marketeers in the square which is in the heart of downtown Berlin.

The Soviet troops arrived in three trucks commanded by three Russian officers. They swung down from their trucks and spread out along the Soviet side of the sector boundary, pushing back tense crowds. A few minutes after the Soviet soldiers appeared, the throng had been shoved back nearly quarter of a mile from the scene. Left facing each other across the empty square were approximately 50 armed Soviet troops and 15 or 20 American military police armed with tommy guns and side arms.

BORDER DEFINITION

The Soviet officers refused the services of interpreters unless they could prove they were residents of the Soviet sector. They also refused to listen to stories of Germans who witnessed the shooting incident. The American military police said that

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PRINCESS MARGARET



Marriage Proposal To Princess Denied

London, Aug. 19.—Buckingham Palace sources today denied published reports that the Marquis of Blandford would propose to Princess Margaret Rose on Saturday, her 18th birthday.

The widely-circulated Evening Standard, today frontpaged reports from the French newspaper, L'Aurore that the 22-year-old Marquis of Blandford would make a proposal of marriage to the Princess on Saturday at Balmoral, under the headline "Margaret—a proposal?"

Shaw's War Warning

Blames Political Nomenclature

London, Aug. 19.—George Bernard Shaw today wrote to the Times that the world was heading for war because of the "present confusion of tongues."

"Until we clear up our political nomenclature, our political oratory and journalism can come to nothing but the pot calling the kettle 'black' without either of them knowing what they are talking about."

"We all lack a common and exact dictionary and are at dangerous cross-purposes over imaginary differences and elusive agreements that are only verbal. I myself find it impossible to make myself understood, though when I describe myself by this or that adjective I know precisely what I mean."

"As a citizen and one of the foremost of British Fabian policy, I basically am a Marxist Communist, but I cannot say so without being set down as an infantile advocate of catastrophic insurrection with capitalism in full swing on Monday, revolution on Tuesday and Socialism in full swing on Wednesday."

CAN'T AFFORD WAR

Shaw appealed to the Government to appoint a select committee to "settle our political nomenclature."

He then brought up the Berlin crisis and said no one could afford war.

"The Three European powers would have to borrow the cost of another war from the United States and blit their creditor as in 1914-18: a transaction which America could not afford."

"I am stating obvious facts, not advocating various views one way or the other. I am insisting that negotiation is impossible unless the parties use the same words for the same things and understand what the words mean. Even liars need a language that will enable them to lie unambiguously; to the truthful, the present impossibility of wording their messages without being misunderstood is an agony."—United Press.

Constitution For Western Zones

Wiesbaden, Aug. 19.—The West German Constituent Assembly will hold its first meeting in the Rhine University town of Bonn in the British Zone on September 3 to approve a Constitution for the combined three Western Zones.

Representatives of the Allied Military Governments and Catholic and Protestant clergy will attend.

The Minister Presidents of the West German States, who are convening the Assembly, announced today that on the two preceding days they will meet at Niederwald to approve the first instalment of the arrangement of the State boundaries.

Reuter.

Showdown On Tito Expected

KREMLIN FACES A DILEMMA

London, Aug. 19.—Western Foreign Offices tonight waited expectantly for the "explosion" in Yugoslavia which may determine the future of ex-communicated Marshal Tito.

Now that the farcical conference on the Danube is over, the critical stage in the long smouldering Tito-Stalin row is believed to be just around the corner.

Western officials are confident that the relative soft pedal put on that internal Communist family squabble during the conference was for face-saving purposes.

Now it is hard to conceive the Kremlin will allow Marshal Tito to continue his defiance of the Cominform which is a defiance of Soviet Russia. Therefore, Balkan experts in the West predict an early showdown which none can see ending in any other way than the "liquidation" of Marshal Tito from his present position as Yugoslav leader.

POSSIBLE ACTION

But no one at the moment feels competent to suggest what kind of action the Kremlin will take. There are many possibilities.

Firstly, stimulation of the already intense intra-Balkan bickering and name-calling. Rumania quickly jumped into the fray once the shooting of the Yugoslav General Arso Yovanovich who was trying to flee to Rumania, was announced. It accused Yugoslavia of coldblooded murder and again appealed to honest Communists to revolt against Marshal Tito.

Secondly, economic sanctions. Minor moves in this direction have been made. But full-fledged economic boycott of Yugoslavia by other Eastern European countries could all but strangle Yugoslavia's economy.

Thirdly, military sanctions. No one expects overt action by the Red Army. But Yugoslavia's admission this week that there are treasonable elements within the army always raises the possibility of a coup.

FALSE IMPRESSION?

Ever since the Cominform electrified the world in June with its sensational denunciation of Tito, the impression had been successfully given that the Yugoslav people are solidly behind Marshal Tito and that he could count on the Army to support him.

Now those claims have been severely blasted by the Yovanovich incident.

The departure of delegates of the Western nations from Belgrade where they for three weeks have been debating on the Danube, however, is expected to at least signal the start of another intensive propaganda campaign throughout Eastern Europe against Marshal Tito.

Only one thing appears certain in this complicated and ideological row which rivals the Stalin-Trotsky break-in the 1920s. That certainly is, regardless of the outcome of the Tito-Stalin row, Yugoslavia is not going to rush into the arms of the West.—United Press.

New Instructions For Envoys

London, Aug. 19.—All three Western envoys in Moscow were believed tonight to have received new instructions which would form the basis of a new approach to the Soviet Government.

The envoys were seeking a second meeting with Marshal Stalin tomorrow to discuss the Government's "bargaining" talks over the German issue, informed London quarters said today.—Reuter.

French Indo-China Policy Given Confidence Vote

Paris, Aug. 19.—The National Assembly today gave the French Government's policy in Indo-China a resounding vote of approval.

The vote of 347-193 came on the Government's motion to adjourn indefinitely the detailed debate on the Indo-China question and followed a brief policy statement by Premier Andre Marie.

M. Marie backed up solidly the policies of the French High Commission in Indo-China, M. Emilio Bollaert, who last June reached an accord with the Annamese emperor, Bao Dai, calling for a Vietnamese republic "within the framework of the French Union," but with the French reserving important controls.

Premier Marie pledged to "give complete and solemn adherence to these principles."

The Premier said France's policy was motivated by a desire to bring peace to Indo-China.

Before the vote four deputies briefly interpolated. Their points of view ranged from those of the Rightist deputy, M. Frederic Dupont, who charged that the Government's fight against the Communist rebel leader Ho Chi-minh was not firm enough, to that of Communist Jean Guillon, who created an uproar by alleging that the Government was sending French youths to their death needlessly by failing to deal with Ho Chi-minh.

The Communist alone voted against the Government motion. The Rightist Republican M. Lefebvre Party abstained.—United Press.

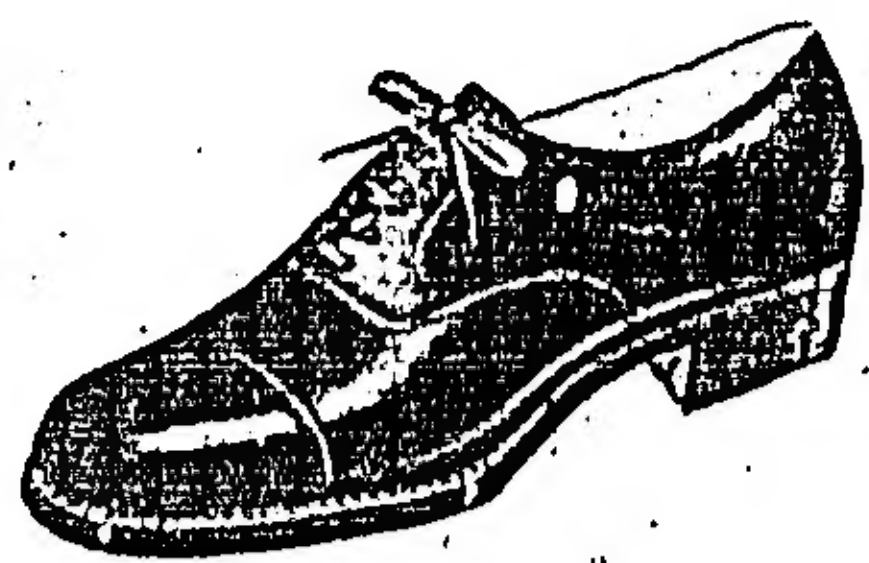
EDITORIAL

An Australian Lesson

THE Australian cricketers have not only won the Test series by a decisive margin, but have not yet lost a single match since they started the tour early in May—a record which tells its own story of the predominance of the Aussies in the art and skill of the game. For Don Bradman too, this tour which incidentally marks his retirement from first-class cricket, has been a personal triumph both as a batsman and as one of the most brilliant tacticians the game has ever produced. And there is not a single person interested in cricket that would deny Bradman this wonderful feat from a game which his personality has so gracefully adorned for more than 20 years; none would have desired it to be otherwise. Nor will any Englishman begrudge the Australians their Test achievements. It is doubtful whether a better balanced and more skillful group of players has ever been sent to England; even the might of the 1921 team, with players like Collins, Barstley, Macartney, Oldfield, Miley, Richardson at their greatest, was no mightier than that of Bradman's 10 purposeful young men of 1948. They have spent the summer exploiting for the benefit of English cricket lovers (not to mention the English players) the wizardry of the game, and it is to be hoped that England's cricketers will benefit from the lessons. For to Englishmen the only disconcerting aspect of the Tests has been the relative ineptitude of the Home players. The disparity between the two sides has been so pointed that the question naturally has arisen: "What is wrong with English cricket?" In this respect it can be pleaded there is nothing wrong with it. England still possesses brilliant batsmen, superb fielders

and sturdy bowlers. But it must be admitted that for the most part they lack that touch of genius and not infrequently that strength of purpose which has characterised every Australian Test team since the early 1900's. Moreover, it is arguable whether the English method of seeking youthful talent and developing it along sound and thorough lines to calculate to produce the best results. The county clubs from which the selectors choose representative teams all have "nurseries" for promising young players, but too often a schoolboy, recommended for a trial, is given only brief opportunity in the nets of showing his ability, and should the occasion prove too much for his nerves, he may be lost for ever to big cricket. Even more important is the neglect of good playing facilities for schoolboys, and the quaint belief that the best cricketers can only be found in "good" schools. Comparison between the English and Australian system of searching for young talent and moulding it into first class material unmistakably favours the Australians, for their methods are so co-ordinated that it is almost impossible for a specially gifted young cricketer to be overlooked in the constant search for new players. The MCC, working through the counties, the Government and secondary schools, and the village and town clubs, could, with some advantage introduce a similar co-ordinated system of talent spotting. Cricket is too inherent a British sport to suffer a complete eclipse in its country of origin, but there are signs today that it needs to be treated on rather more scientific lines if England is once again to produce a team capable of beating the Australians.

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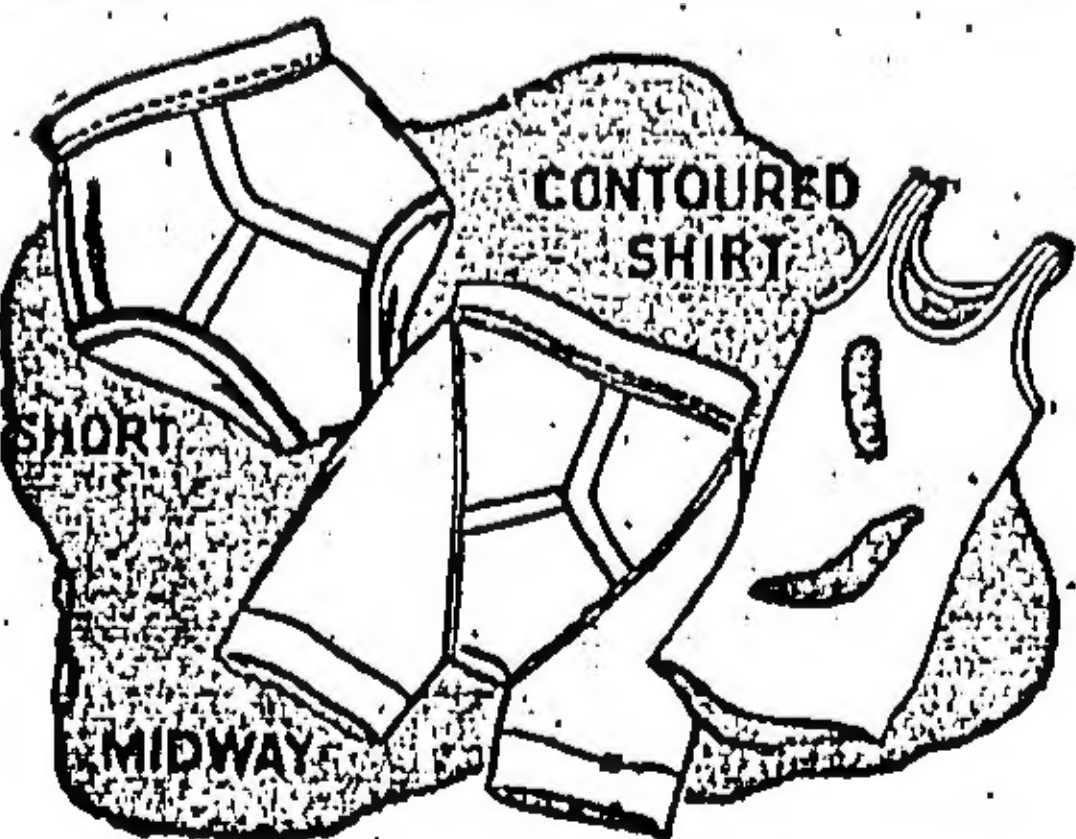
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COOL SUNDRESS



By VERA WINSTON

THE SUNDRESS has already come into its own and has long since moved out of the very casual or playthings category into a style that, topped by a bolero, is right for town wear. This smart sundress of black pique, can be worn strapless or with a halter. The halter strings tie in a bow in front when worn strapless. The bodice is form fitting with the skirt very full all around. To make a costume it is topped with a brief bolero jacket of shell pink pique.

WASHING COTTON FABRICS

WASH cotton materials on a windy day so that they may dry at once. The more quickly they dry, the less likely will there be a likelihood of the colours running. If the design has started to run, do not wring the material. Lay it between two clean towels. Use them much like blotting paper to mop up the wet as quickly as possible. Then hang out in the shade and a high wind.

To set blues and purples add a little citric acid to the water. To set black and white patterns and greys mix a little pepper in rinsing water. Greens and pinks will retain their hues and place if one or two drops of sulphuric acid are added to the rinsing water. When colours are faded, add a teaspoonful of vinegar to a pint of water and use as a final rinse.

To retain a deep cream or champagne colour rinse the garment in a gallon of water which has previously served to boil two handfuls of hay. If the colours of a pattern are crude and bizarre before washing soak the material in a pail of water to which a teaspoonful of sugar of lead has been added.

The NEW plus the OLD

THE clothes in London's Fashion fortnight showed a mixture of New Look, Old Look, Regency, Flapper Girl styles, and variations of the Empire style.

Focal point of the Empire style is a waistline near the bust, all fullness coming from this new line and not from the natural waist.

Some designers favour a "princess" line, in which the silhouette is slim and flowing, with a corset waist as well as a natural waistline.

But main emphasis is on the bodice, according to the designers.

Skirts generally extend above the waist, and in afternoon dresses often show a flat line in front and hip drapery or tiers of material pulled to the back, as in the silhouette.

"What's wrong with the 2-piece bathing suit?"

By NORMAN MONTELLIER

ROME.—What's wrong with a two-piece bathing suit on a shapely girl? the Italian public wants to know. And why is a strapless, bare-shoulder summer dress a thing to scorn? they also ask.

About 95 percent of Italy's newspapers and most of the nation's beachgoers are aroused over the matter. It is the hottest political point the government has caught since last April's election defeat of the Communists.

The government started it by passing the word that the mentioned summer modes were "indecent." The police started it up by enforcing the law. The public took up from there.

The question of public decency has always been a serious one in Rome. It is a traditional church rule that women may not enter

a church without covering their arms wearing stockings and having long sleeves. But Romans, accustomed to frying six days a week in the capital's oven-like summer heat, have long been among the first to get down to the bare essentials on the beaches. Bare shoulder frocks have been adopted for the same reason. When the government's quiet "morality" campaign began, there was no public notice. But the fact couldn't be hidden for long. The arrest of scantily-clad dancers on the Ostia and Fregene beaches near Rome, and the firing of a dancer in Naples for walking down the street in a sun suit, aroused the champions of summer styles.

The ministry of interior got most of the blame. Newsmen found that an order to all police had reminded them of existing laws prohibiting the wearing of "indecent" costumes in public places.

"Slip" Suite Banned
The order this year carried two riders, however. One outlawed the "slip" or "triangle" bathing suit fashion, made popular by the French. Another said that police should also prevent the wearing of any costume which "may be considered scanty." That's where the two-piece bathing suit and the bare-shoulder dress dispute came up.

The government has defended itself by stating that no morality campaign was involved. It said normal regulations on public dress were just being recalled to the police. Communist newspapers reported "this is what you voters get for electing a clerical government." Finally, Rightists and Liberals were in on the argument—and the government was on the receiving end in every case.

As Women Driver For Half-Century

Los Angeles—Mrs. Jessica T. Merville has evidence to back up her claim of having driven longer than any other woman. The 69-year-old former antique dealer doesn't claim to be the oldest driver, but she can prove that she had been driving since 1898. She has photographs showing that her father's first car, an 1898 one-cylinder Winton, was the first one in Mt. Morris, N. Y., and one of the first three seen in Buffalo. She has pictures to prove that she drove it, too.

Perfume Regarded

"Very funny," Miss Davis said coldly. "Doesn't this idiotic pig realise I was once president of the Tailors and am a close friend of horses, dogs, cats, birds and an orangutan?" Apparently not. The pig's handler couldn't understand what was wrong with Miss Davis. He allowed that it might be her perfume. "She isn't used to that kind of smell," he explained. "Well, what kind of smell is she used to?" Miss Davis asked. The handler laughed embarrassedly. "Whatever it was, he said, it wasn't perfume. So Miss Davis agreed to use plain unscented soap and wash away the perfume. By that time, Genevieve was sleepy. She turned her back on Miss Davis and went to sleep on Montgomery's lap. That's the way they shot the scene.



RED RYDER



Sucker?



By Fred Harman

Good Tips on Figure Fitness



An ardent tennis enthusiast, screen star Margaret Chapman keeps her figure fit by enjoying this healthful sport.

By HELEN FOLLETT

If a woman is slightly over weight, this is the season of the year when she should start on a reducing campaign. Everything is in her favour. Appetite is not so keen. She won't be chasing around to tea parties, being tempted by an array of luscious pastries.

Summer sports offer all manner of delightful exercise; tennis, golf, swimming, walking. One can delete two pounds a week, suffer no ill effects, and be all the better for getting rid of adipose baggage. Follow the example of many movie stars who, when the scales report the gain of even a few pounds, get busy, get to work, get rid of them.

Mrs. Plumpie gets that way because she consumes more calories than she burns up by means of muscular activities. The calories

store themselves away in the form of fat cells. Plumpie will affirm that she lives on practically no groceries at all. Maybe she does eat little, but that little is the wrong kind of food.

Her figure-destroying enemies are fats, sweets and starches; they should be cut down to the limit. Instead of white bread and butter she should have toasted rye. Tea and coffee should be taken clear. Cereals, mince, pastries, ice cream are not for her. She can have lean meat, sea food, poultry, eggs, vegetables that grow above ground, cottage cheese, buttermilk, unsweetened lemonade, fruit and fruit juices.

If she cannot bear the thought of exercise—some women can't—she can reduce by dieting alone. It is better, though, to have a brisk walk every day.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Ting-a-Ling Tells a Story

—It's About a Princess Called O-So-Good—

By MAX TRELL

TING-A-LING was telling Knarf and Handi about a Princess who once lived in his land whose name was O-So-Lovely. "That's a beautiful name," said Handi. Ting-a-Ling smiled. "She was called O-So-Lovely because she really was lovely. She was also very wise and very good. The story I am about to tell you happened when she was very young."

Knarf and Handi stretched themselves out comfortably under the cherry tree in Ting-a-Ling's garden, and waited for him to tell the story. He began at once.

Noticed the Moon.

"Now it happened one night just as Princess O-So-Lovely was about to go to bed that she noticed the moon shining in through her window. It was a full round moon, in the colour of honey. She clapped her hands with joy when she saw it. Then she turned to her nurse and said: 'Does not this moon belong to me?'"

"The nurse," Ting-a-Ling went on, "knew that the moon did not belong to Princess O-So-Lovely, but she was afraid to tell her so. So she nodded and answered: 'Yes, Princess, the moon belongs to you alone. For see how it sits right on top of your garden wall. It is your moon!'"

"And now," said Ting-a-Ling, "the nurse was surprised to see Princess O-So-Lovely suddenly turn sad and say: 'It is too big a moon for me to have alone. I wish every child in the kingdom to have a piece of it.' This was a very strange wish for even a Princess to have, and the nurse did not know what to do. So she went to the king whose name was O-So-Good and told him what the Princess wished. 'But how, your Majesty, can each child in the kingdom be given a piece of the moon when no one, not even the Princess herself, owns it?'"

"King O-So-Good was thoughtful for a moment. Then he smiled. 'This can be done,' he said. 'Then he ordered that in every garden in the kingdom, where a child lived, a little pool be dug and kept filled with water. And sure enough, whenever the moon sat on the garden wall of Princess O-So-Good, little flecks and ripples of it shone in the dark pools in all the gardens of every child in the kingdom. That's why,' said Ting-a-Ling, 'on some nights, the moon that the Princess saw was very small indeed, for the rest of it was shining for everyone else.'"

AGE OF LEARNING

A child learns to see properly about the time he begins to walk and talk.

Applesauce Cake

Here's another easy-to-make little recipe for you. It's Applesauce Cake which I think you would like.

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup raisins

Cream shortening. Add sugar and sift flour with spices, salt and soda. Add gradually to the applesauce. Add the raisins and bake 60 minutes in a moderate oven.

Cat Takes It Easy

BENNINGTON, N. H.—No matter what position a cat is in when it falls, it always lands on its feet. That may be, said James McLaughlin, but—

"When a neighbour's cat became stranded in a tree, McLaughlin got a ladder to rescue it. He alighted and was taken to a hospital with a dislocated vertebra in his neck, a fractured arm and collarbone.

The cat, after watching neighbours lug McLaughlin away, leisurely climbed down.

Rupert & Ting-Ling—17



Rupert does a bit of thinking. "Cricket and fishing don't seem to interest this boy," he thinks. "Perhaps he'd rather just see our countryside." So he takes him to a hill from which he can see the windmill and the next village and explains everything as best he can. The other suddenly stops him. "We no understand—much English," he says. "We go back Pong-Ping and you come, too, yes please?" "He's got a new idea: wonder what it is?" murmurs Rupert as they return to Pong-Ping's house. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



SCENE OF DISASTER—These frame dwellings in downtown San Antonio lie in charred ruins after a training plane crashed into one of the buildings, exploded and started a fire that gutted all three. The pilot of the plane and two other persons at the scene of the crash were killed in the disaster.



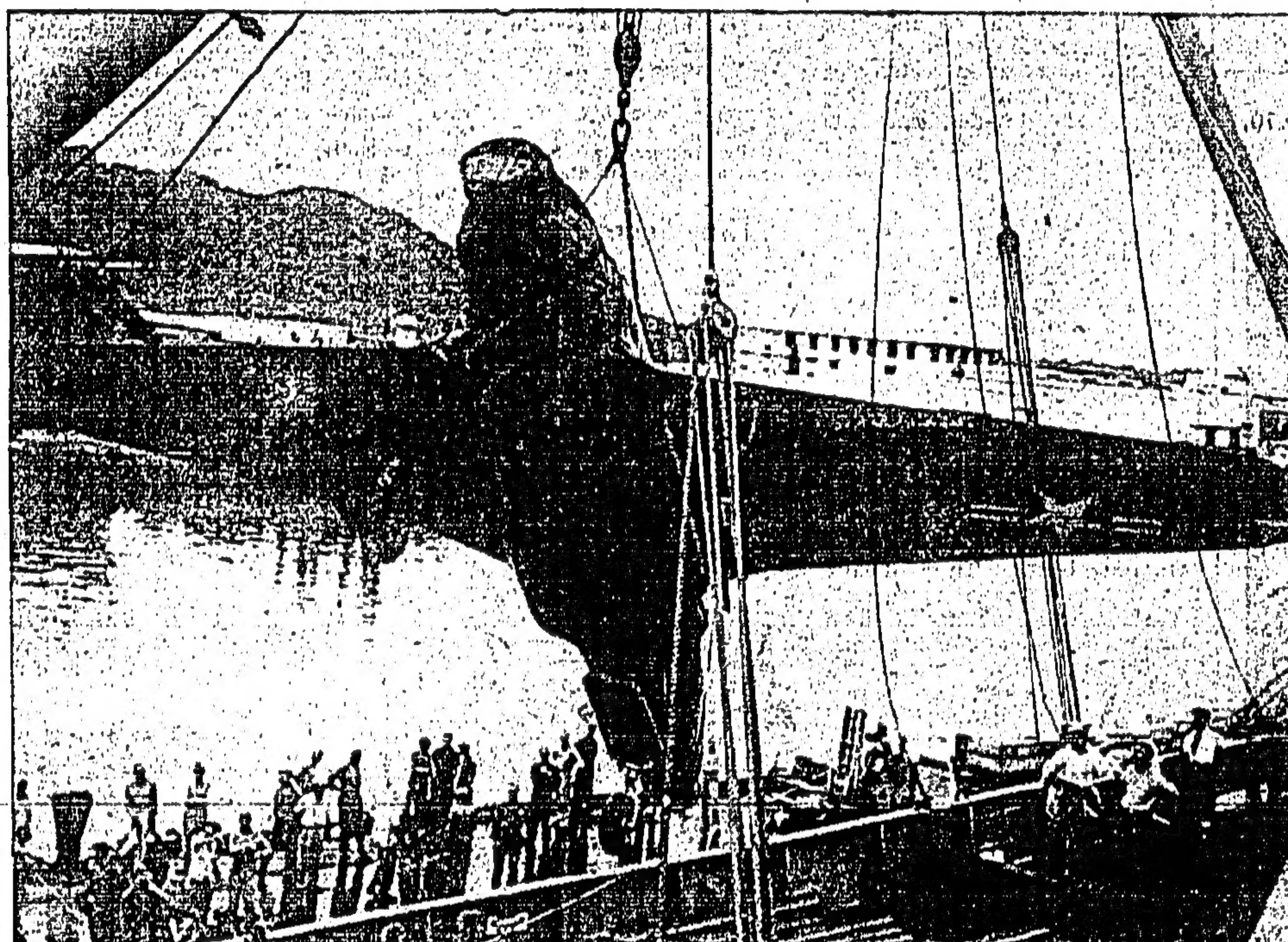
NOT BAD!—A lush soft rose knit swimsuit, calculated to look glamorous in or out of water, is worn by Hollywood actress Virginia Mayo.



CAMERA FAN—Paddy Farrow, 5, snaps a picture of his brother, John, 21 months, and sister, Maria, 3, before boarding a plane for Shannon, Ireland. They're joining Mum, already in Elre, better known as actress Maureen O'Sullivan.



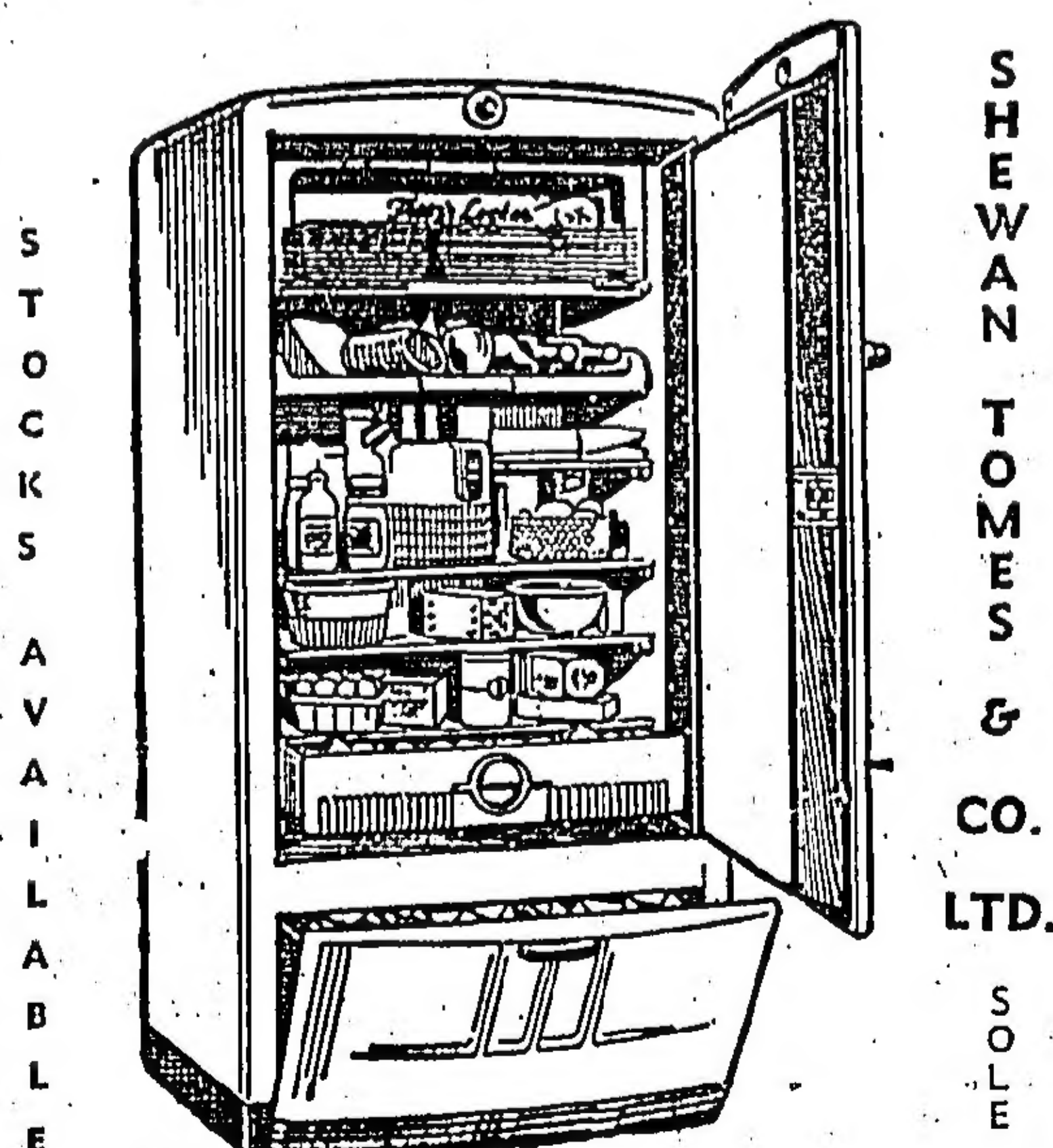
SMART BUSINESS—Apparently dubious over the outcome of the Jewish-Arab truce, the proprietor of this Tel Aviv theatre has a bricklayer build an air raid shelter in front of his establishment so that people will not flee when an alert signal is sounded.



BERLIN BOUND—One of 15 F-80s being swung aboard the U.S. Army transport, Barney Kirschbaum, during the recent shipment of the 36th Fighter Wing from Howard Field in the Canal Zone to Germany. This shipment of all type planes to Germany is closely related to the present Soviet blockade in Berlin.



FIELD WORK—Clad in sun suits because of the terrific heat, these German girls go about their chores tending tomato crops just outside Berlin.



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DIVING SUIT—Standing on the right John Conte, assistant engineer of this water-holed steam shovel in Jamaica, New York, wonders what to do now. The steam shovel was just one "victim" of a torrential rainstorm, which also flooded subways and cellars in the area.



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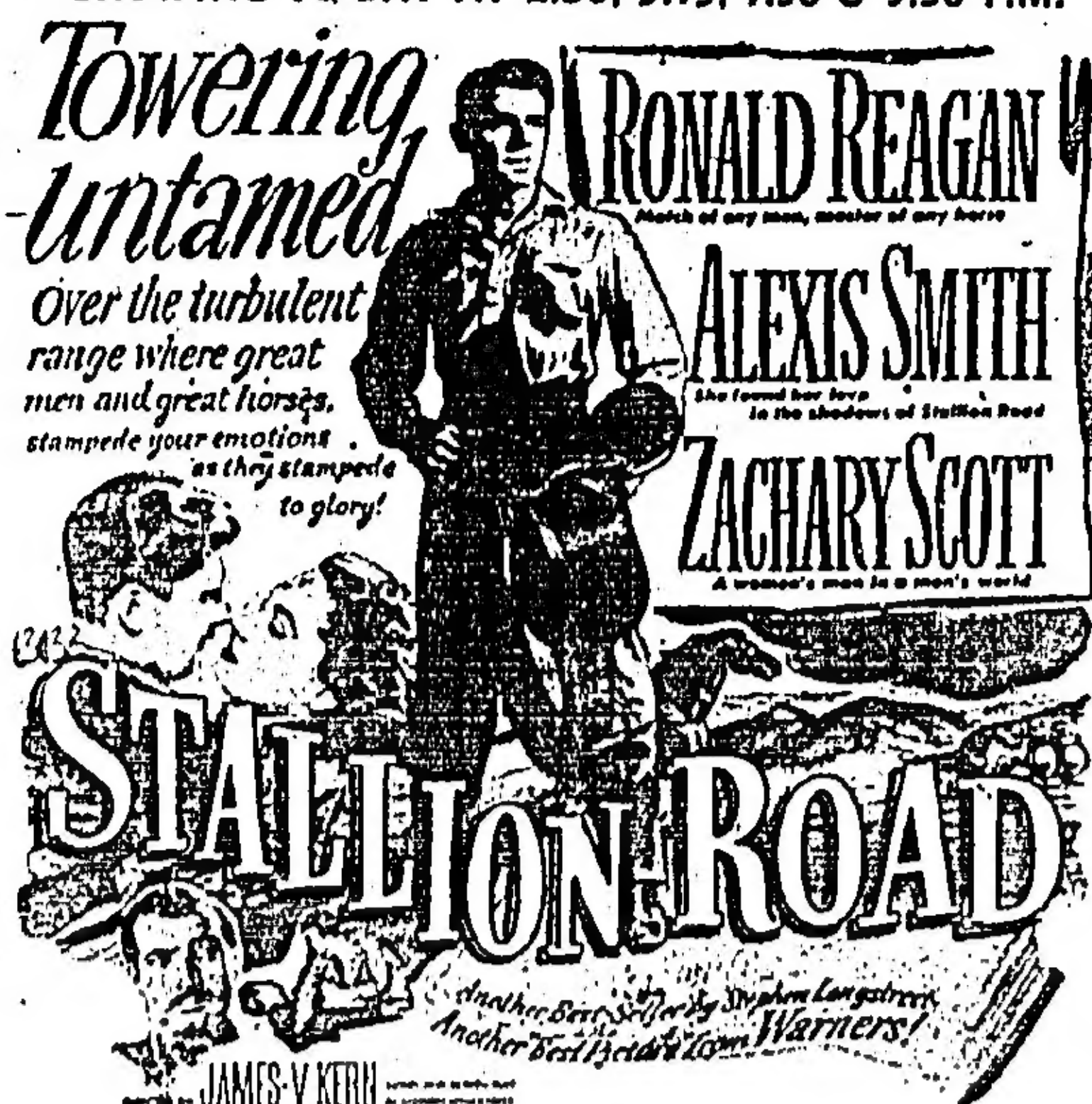
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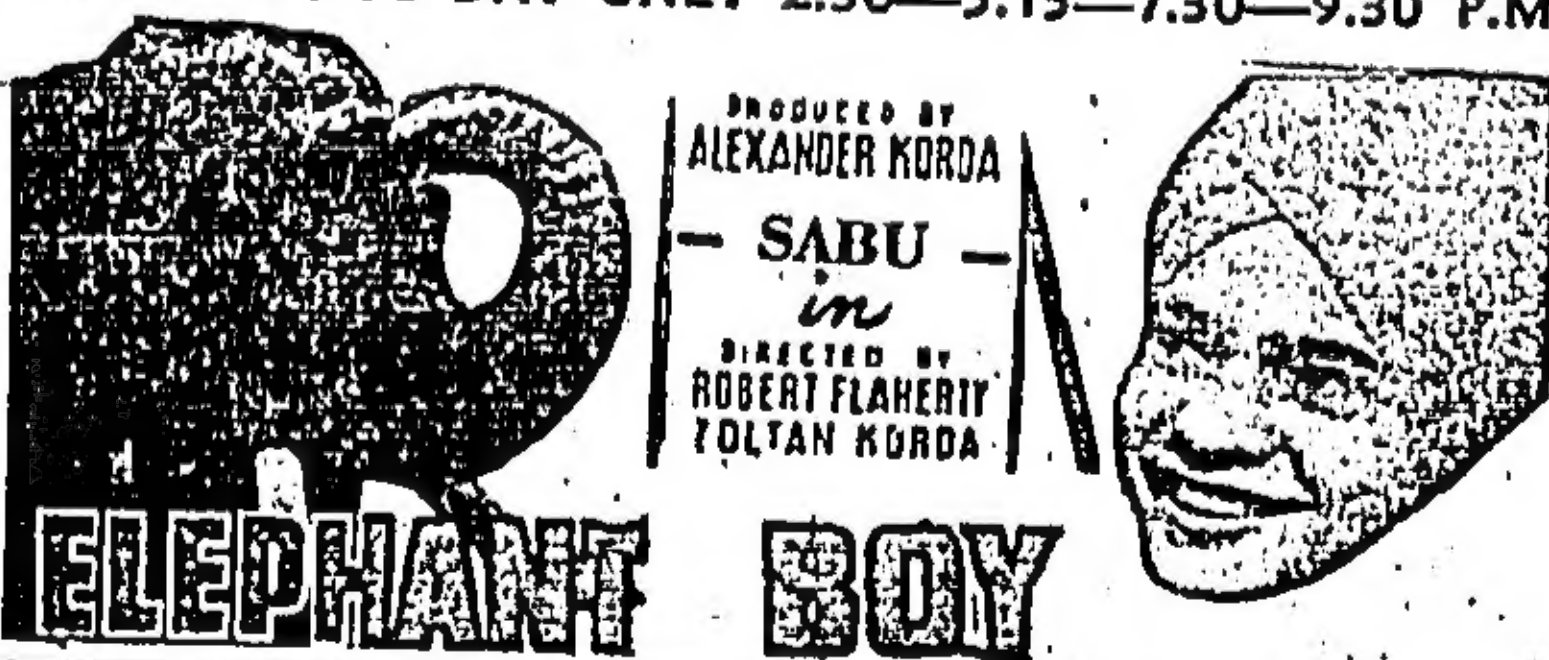
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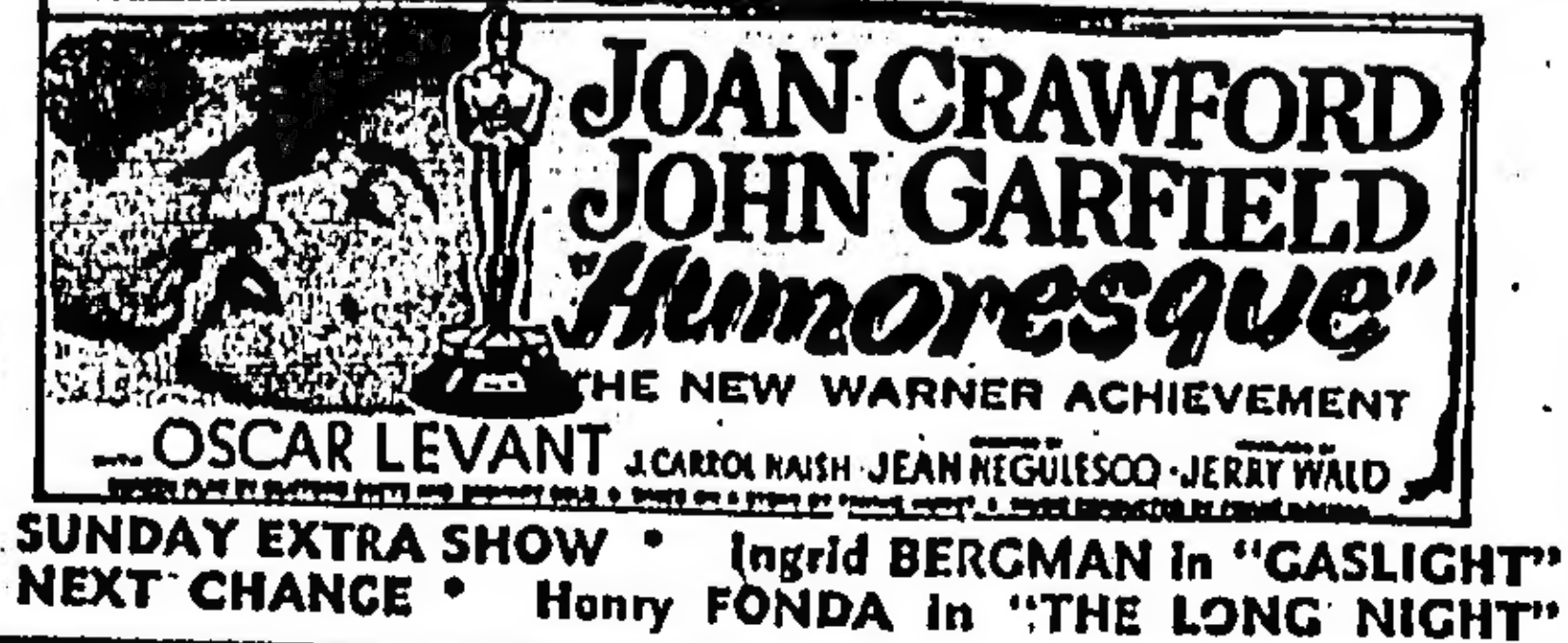
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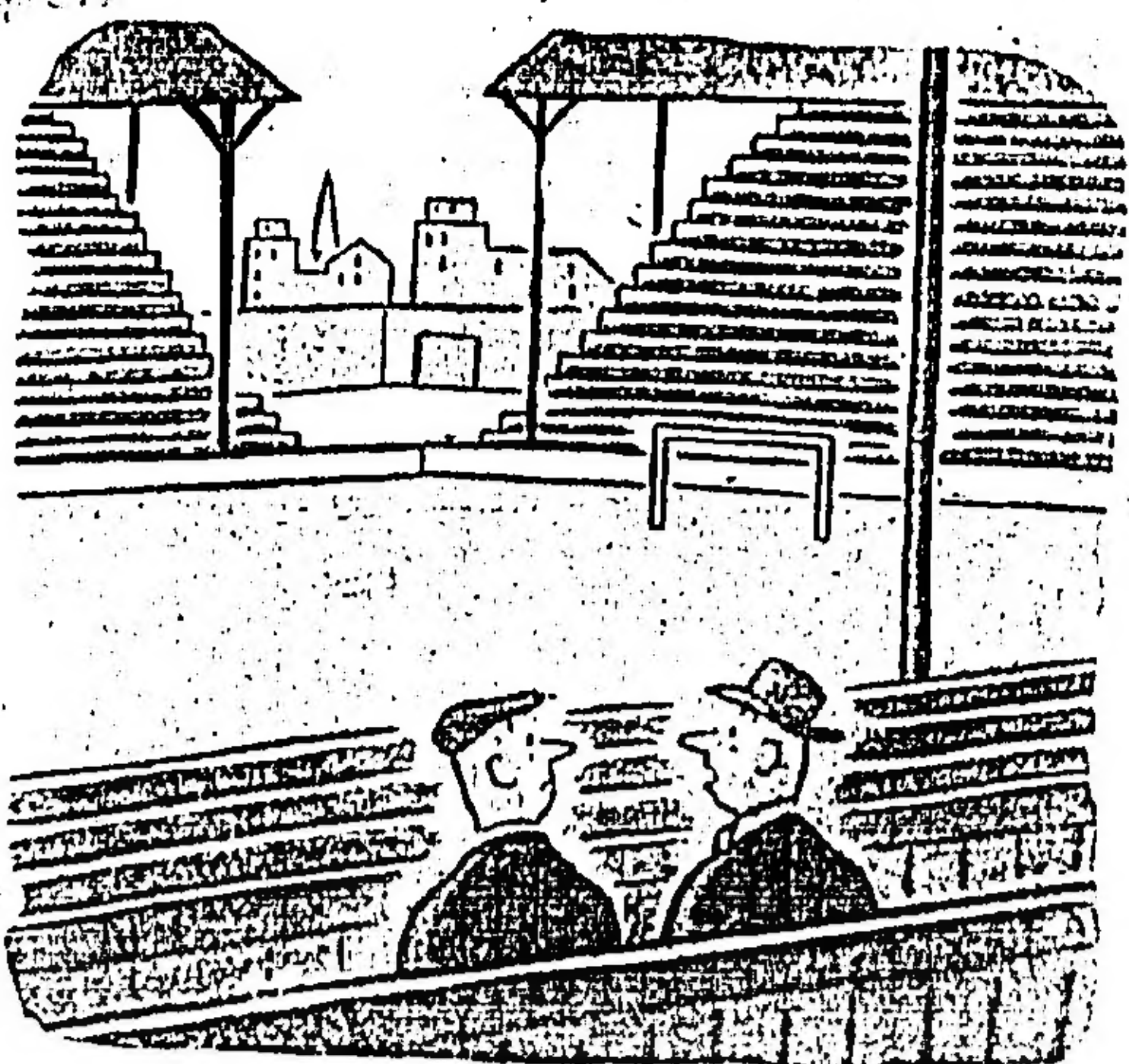
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DR STURTON OF KWANG-CHI

By Fred Hampson

A T Song Moh-dzang (Pine Tree Place), just over the hill from the Needle Pagoda, Hangchow, are the tan walls of Kwang-Chi compound. Kwang-Chi is a leprosarium.

It is something of a shock upon visiting Kwang-Chi to discover that visiting a leprosarium is not half as shocking as you expected it to be. A close-up look at a colony of people suffering from this disease, most dreaded since the earliest recorded history, is not a horrible experience at all.

Dr Sturton recounts some case histories which to a layman with a limited knowledge of the disease seem marvellous.

One case was that of a leper already blinded whose eyesight was partially restored after only two weeks of diastone treatment.

They Seem Happy

Dr S. D. Sturton, O.B.E., M.D., superintendent of the Kwang-Chi hospital in Hangchow, is also superintendent of the leprosarium out at the edge of town. He conducted Lt. Col. John Sarsby and Major Frank J. Rinehart of the U.S. Army Advisory Group, and myself, through the leprosarium, where groups of busily working patients, startled but pleased at the sight of visitors, gathered about. They always stayed, however, at a respectful distance. There is little danger in physical contact with a leper, but patients seem aware of the attitude of the visitor and keep their distance.

Founded In 1889

Dr Sturton has been at Hangchow since 1928. The leprosarium was founded in 1889 and has occupied its present site since 1915. It is supported by the Mission to Lepers, London, and a similar organisation in the United States, which organisations are interdenominational. The hospital is Episcopalian.

During the war, with its foreign revenue cut off, the leprosarium was in critical condition. Dr Sturton appealed to wealthy Chinese for support but the Japanese interfered. Dr Sturton's reply was that unless some support was forthcoming he would close the leprosarium and put the lepers on the streets. The Japanese ceased obstructing.

Later on, however, Dr Sturton was interned and the leprosarium neglected but the lepers kept inside. Many of them died of malnutrition or other diseases. Lepers, Dr Sturton says, seldom die of leprosy—some other disease, made more virulent by the debilitations of leprosy, cause death.

At present there are 70 lepers at Kwang-Chi and most of them are improving. There are, of course, many pitiable cases—fingersless hands, spotted faces, faces without eyebrows, nasal bones eaten away. But the patients are cheerful.

Dr Sturton's specialty is radiology, but he has become a fair authority of leprosy about which not too much is known despite the centuries of history of the disease. His treatments include the common treatment with chaulmoogra oil, an oil

from a tropical shrub which seems to strip the membrane from the leper bacilli, and the modern diastone treatment. Diastone is one of the sulphur. It is not so new as the sulphurone treatment. Sulphurone seems to be more effective against the leper bacilli and less toxic than diastone. But the drug is not available out here yet in quantity.

Nobody knows how many lepers there are in China, but Dr Sturton thinks that probably less than a tenth of them are in leprosariums. The disease is little known but it is an invariable concomitant of poverty and filth.

Dr Sturton, who has studied leprosy during 27 years of practice in China, says: "You don't say you cure leprosy, you merely say that you arrest it." Nobody knows whether it is ever cured.

Dr Sturton obviously knows how to build morale among the ill. His patients take great delight in their accomplishments in buildings and grounds and maintain high hopes. He seems to keep them happy and hopeful.

A Busy Man

Dr Sturton keeps up on the developments in leprosy treatment as much as possible, but the day scarcely has enough hours, for he puts in many hours in the hospital in Hangchow and in the hospital's TB sanatorium. There probably is not a busier man in Hangchow.

Dr Sturton lives alone in Hangchow. He had us in for afternoon tea after we returned from the leprosarium. He has two daughters, one in Carmel, Illinois, and the other, a pharmacist in Leeds, England.

Does he look forward to going home some day?
"No," he replied in his clipped English. "I like China. I've been here 27 years and I hope I stay another 27."—Associated Press.

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ECONOMIC AIM OF COLONIAL POLICY

— by —
GEORGE MARTIN

MORE than 50 years ago one of the greatest colonial administrators, Lord Lugard, declared that Britain had a dual mandate in her Colonies—on the one hand, to promote the moral and material welfare of the Colonial peoples, and, on the other, to develop the resources of the Colonies, not only for their own peoples, "but for all mankind."

The present world food shortage and Europe's economic disruption have served to give new currency to this exposition of the economic aim of Britain's Colonial policy. Although comprehensive plans had already been made to deal with basic social and economic needs of the Colonies, it became necessary last year to ask what further contributions to the solution of the present world-wide difficulties could be made by the Colonies.

New Prosperity

HOW was it possible to strengthen the economies of the Colonial territories, to meet their needs, and to increase the production of foodstuffs and materials in short supply in the world; moreover, what could be done to fortify not only their own, but Britain's and Europe's long-term economy?

The launching of the East African Groundnuts Scheme, which will mean a revolution of agricultural technique in the tropics, has shown that new prosperity may be created through co-operation with the Colonial peoples. "The world's need became the Colonial Empire's opportunity," it is emphasised in the official annual report on the Colonies, "The Colonial Empire (1947-1948)," which has recently been published.

The continued shortage of primary products in the world, particularly in the non-dollar area, combined with the present financial difficulties of Britain and Western Europe generally, have caused further emphasis to be laid on the two principal objectives of Colonial agricultural development, namely to increase the production of food crops for local consumption, and to promote the increased production of export crops.

The development of new crops and techniques on the lines of the East African Groundnuts Scheme will be of the greatest long-term value, but it cannot be expected to show large, immediate results. The greatest contribution the Colonies can make immediately to the alleviation of Europe's problems, is an expansion in the output of commodities in world demand, the production of which is already established in the Colonies. In spite of difficulties it has been possible to increase substantially the contribution made by agricultural exports from the Colonies to lessen present world shortages.

Sugar production in the Colonies is rising. The 1947 crop in Mauritius yielded 345,000 tons of a very high quality, a record figure, an increase of 55,000 tons on the previous year. The crop in Fiji produced 140,000 tons, an increase of 23,000 tons on 1946. The West Indian crop showed a slight decrease owing to drought and a shortage of fertilisers. East African production increased, and several thousand additional tons were made available for export.

The Nigerian groundnut crop broke records with 330,000 tons for export, and Nigerian palm oil exports increased from 112,000 tons to 141,000 tons. A record crop of groundnuts was exported from Gambia.

Important Work

A mission to West Africa considered how far oilseed production could be further increased by the application of mechanical methods; its report is now being studied by the West Africa Governments.

Exports of copra from the Seychelles and the Western Pacific Islands increased until they attained, in some cases were above, pre-war levels.

Important work has been undertaken to bring under control the swollen shoot disease, which has adversely affected the cocoa crop in the Gold Coast, the largest producer, but no quick recovery of the crop can be expected. On the other hand, Colonial coffee output is expanding; the Kenya crop showed a very large factory increase in 1947-48 from

9,000 tons to over 13,000 tons, and the Uganda crop reached a record of 40,000 tons.

Banana production in Nigeria is steadily increasing. In Jamaica the banana industry is still affected by the "panama" disease, which has put certain areas out of production, but work on the breeding of immune varieties has been intensified with some success.

These are the main foodstuffs which the Colonies have now available for export. In rice they are dependent on imports, but indigenous production in Malaya rose from 255,000 tons in 1946 to 326,000 tons last year. Plans have been laid for the mechanised cultivation of rice in Malaya and North Borneo.

There are many other crops grown for local consumption. These possibilities of expanding output of these crops are being constantly examined and there are hopes of development.

Basic Services

Great steps are made in the development of the basic services on which economic progress in the Colonies depends. Seventeen 10-year development plans under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts have now been approved, providing for a total expenditure of about £180 million, of which about £50 million will be provided from United Kingdom funds.

In order to stimulate production in the Colonies for internal needs and for exports, the Colonial Development Corporation and the Overseas Food Corporation have been formed. The financial resources so provided should prove adequate to finance Colonial development to the extent of the physical resources and human skill available in the next few years from sterling sources.

Possibilities are also being investigated of securing finance from non-sterling sources so as to give Colonial Governments access to overseas sources of supply to a greater degree than would otherwise be possible. Preliminary and general discussions have been opened between British Government experts and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the possibilities of loans by the Bank for Colonial development. But the major limitations on the speed of such development are likely to remain the continuing shortages in the available supplies of capital and consumer goods and in skilled technical manpower.

HANGING: Let these men decide

by **Claud MULLINS**

THE British Government are about to "explore without delay what practicable means there are of limiting the death penalty." There is one possible method of doing this which has been in my mind for a long time.

It is obvious that, if sentences to death are to be restricted, some authority has to use discretion.

Recently the Government believed that it was possible for Parliament itself to do this by defining in an Act of Parliament the cases in which the death sentence should be passed. After the severe criticism that has been put forward by eminent legal authorities in the House of Lords, such a method is not likely to be repeated. Whatever limits are imposed in an Act of Parliament, there must result innumerable criticisms based on logic. In my opinion, it is impossible to define the limits in an Act of Parliament.

AGONY OF MIND

YET some limits are required. The Lord Chief Justice himself said that in regard to what lawyers term constructive murder some change is desirable. For in fact the English law of murder is so wide that there are many crimes which amount to murder in which the death sentence is morally unjustifiable. It is in my view wrong to condemn to death those who obviously will not be executed. This involves the acute agony of mind without any compensating benefit.

On whom, then, should the responsibility rest of distinguishing between murder deserving the death sentence and other forms of murder? It would be wrong, as I see the problem, to place that burden on the judges at murder trials. To do that, apart from the overwhelming burden placed on trial judges, would result in inconsistencies, due to the differing attitudes of individual judges.

JURY'S TASK

It would also be wrong to allow juries to make the decision. They should have no concern with punishment; their task is to decide facts. There is also the fact that juries can be emotional and even sentimental.

If Parliament, the judges and juries are excluded, we are left with the Prosecution.

I should like to see an inquiry into the possibility of fixing the responsibility firmly on the shoulders of the Prosecution. It might be possible to have an Act of Parliament of one section to declare that no death sentence shall be passed if at any time during a trial or during the preliminary proceedings, before magistrates, the Prosecution shall inform the court that such a sentence is not required. In such cases all the horrible glamour that attaches to a murder trial would largely disappear.

Before a trial begins, the Prosecution know the facts. They are in a position to use their discretion wisely. Some cases will clearly not require the death sentence. Other cases will manifestly require it. In between will come many cases where discretion will have to be used carefully, probably with a bias in favour of the capital sentence, because of the ultimate powers of the Home Secretary.

Would such a change involve any interference by the Executive with the Judiciary?

I doubt it. The advantages of such a change would be that it avoids any enumeration of the kinds of murder which should result in a death sentence. Judges and jurors would continue to perform their present tasks. The only change in procedure would be that in those cases in which the death sentence is abandoned, a sentence of life imprisonment would be passed.

MPs CAN SPEAK

In many countries the Prosecution have the power of asking for the capital sentence, or of asking for a sentence of life imprisonment from doing so. If this method were adopted, it might be possible to place this responsibility on the Director of Public Prosecutions. He, as part of the Executive, is subject to Parliamentary criticism.

I believe that on some such lines this everlasting and tiresome subject could be disposed of until conditions will justify an experimental abolition of all capital sentences.

Abolitionists would not accept such a plan, but they have caused so much trouble in recent months that their influence should be at a discount.

By Ernie Bushmiller



FRENCH GOVT LOSES SUPPORT OF WORKERS

Paris, Aug. 19.—The non-Communist National Trade Union Federations, representing about 2,500,000 workers, decided tonight to end their co-operation with the Government.

The non-Communist Federations declared in a joint communique: "This Government, like its predecessors, is showing itself impotent to undertake and carry out a policy in conformity with the interests of the country and of ensuring for the workers a stable purchasing power."

Claim Against Peninsula Steam Laundry

Damage caused to clothing sent for dry-cleaning was alleged in an action before Mr. Justice Reynolds in the Summary Court yesterday, when Mrs. Helen G. Service, of 44 Briga Circuit, brought a claim for \$1,000 against the Peninsula Steam Laundry, of 734 Nathan Road, ground floor.

According to her writ of claim, plaintiff sent numerous pieces of clothing to defendants for dry-cleaning on June 10, but alleged that some were returned scorched, shrunk or stretched to such an extent as not to fit her.

The damages claimed were in respect of the following articles: Green wool gaberdine suit, green wool suit, a black crepe dress and a child's pink wool coat. The total value of the garments was stated to be \$1,457.50, but plaintiff valued the sum of \$457.50 in order to bring the action within the jurisdiction of the Summary Court. She also asked for costs.

Mr. M. A. du Silva, appearing on behalf of defendants, said he would supply plaintiff with his statement of defence, and asked that he be permitted to inspect the clothing.

Plaintiff's husband, who was also in court, said his wife wished to engage a solicitor.

Mr. Silva replied that he would defer inspection of the clothing until he heard from plaintiff's representative.

The case was set for hearing on October 4 at 10 a.m.

CONSENTS TO JUDGMENT

A claim for \$1,000 was brought by the Lam Wah Company, of 43-47 Waterloo Road, against Phyllis Harrop, of 2, Forfar Road, Apartment 1, at the Supreme Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Reynolds.

The money was said to be the balance of the amount due to the plaintiff, after waiver of \$114, for joinery renovation and decoration carried out at 1, Forfar Road, Apartment 1, including cost of materials supplied.

The defendant, saying that the amount claimed was not quite correct, consented to judgment for the amount claimed and costs less \$200.

Mr. P. A. L. Vine, for the plaintiff, explained that between the issue and serving of the writ, the defendant had made a further payment of \$200. As the defendant had consented to judgment, his client was prepared to consider instalments, he added.

The defendant declared the work done for her by the plaintiff to be unsatisfactory still and that was why payment was delayed.

Luzon Violence Inquiry

Manila, Aug. 19.—Brig-Gen. Mariano Cordero, Commanding General of the Philippine Constabulary, went to Pampanga Province today to conduct an on-the-spot survey of the Huk situation following reports that a number of Huk leaders were killed in encounters with the constabulary, it was learned today.

It was also learned that President Elpidio Quirino summoned the governor of Pampanga Province, Mr. Jose B. Lingad, who reportedly asked the Department of Interior to send reinforcements to the province to cope with a possible major outbreak of post-amnesty violence.—United Press.

Boycott Meeting

Berlin, Aug. 19.—The Social Democratic Councilors of Berlin's Central Business District boycotted today a Borough Council meeting called to discuss a Russian order on emergency housing.

This first example of the Social Democratic passive resistance to the Russians during the present crisis meant that the Council could not form a quorum and the meeting was postponed.

The Russians, two days ago, summarily dismissed M. Robert Riedel, the Social Democratic head of the Borough Housing Department, for sabotaging Russian orders for the repair of bomb-damaged buildings.—Reuter.

Their future policy and action will be decided by individual Trade Union Federations at meetings to be held next week. The unions have been influenced in their decision to withdraw from their close co-operation with the Government by the growing unrest among the workers. This has, for several weeks past, been fully exploited by the Communist General Confederation of Labour, which "declared war" on M. Paul Reynaud's economic plans from the beginning.

WAIT AND SEE

In a letter to the Prime Minister, M. Andre Marie, the non-Communist Trade Union Federations said tonight that they would wait "until September 1 to examine the results obtained by the Government in its economic drive."

The Political Bureau of the French Communist Party, which met here today, stated in a communique that the announced journey in the near future of M. Reynaud to Washington to take part in a meeting of the International Monetary Fund "fortells a fresh devaluation of the franc."

Such a devaluation, the communique said, could only result "in an increased cost of living, misery, ruin and the collapse of our industry and agriculture."

The Communist Party called again for without action against M. Reynaud's "reactionary and anti-constitutional" powers.

LIVING ON CHARITY

In a nationwide broadcast tonight, M. Paul Reynaud, the Finance Minister, told the French people that, "for the first time in its history, France can only live on charity."

The Finance Minister appealed for unity and harder work to overcome the dangers of inflation.

"You do not suspect how grave is the peril which threatens us," he said. "From this month of August, 1948, France can no longer wait. We must act before the avalanche starts rolling."

Warning against the insidious dangers of inflation, he pointed out that even if wages were raised ten-fold and production remained at present levels, not a single Frenchman would have any more goods than before.

"The danger threatens rich and poor alike. We are all in the same boat. We shall be saved or lost together," he declared.—Reuter.

Letters To The Editor

The Kosenkina Case: A Warning?

Sir,—Your leader on the Kosenkina Affair should be read carefully by Hongkongers, especially those who are concerned with Security and maintenance of peace and order.

Mainly due to the fact that China has a dictatorial and autocratic government and Hongkong has been adopting a laissez-faire policy towards political exiles, the Communists and their frontmen are strongly entrenched in economic, cultural and labour organisations. Their pro-Soviet attitude is so powerful that nowadays one can hardly escape intimations of some kind if Comrade Stalin or what he stands for is ridiculed publicly.

Names like "Fascists," "Imperialists" or "American spies" or "Reactionary Churchill's dogs" are freely applied to those who refused to agree to the world of the world and is going to rule the world with bloody-purges of his opponents and concentration camps without any hope of survival for the victims. There is no question that the Kuomintang has been adopting the Nazis' measures of thought control, mass imprisonment of its critics—Anglo-American returned students—and division of spoils in accordance with the primitive and feudalistic system of biological relationship. But compare with the danger of Communism as propounded by Stalinists who stop at nowhere until the whole universe is tainted with blood spread by the Bolsheviks, the Kuomintang is just an infant in the field of gangsterdom.

It is hoped through publication of your journal of articles and letters of warning nature the authorities may take some practical steps to prevent disasters which Malaya and other places are facing.

WARNING.

Princess Flying To Holland

London, Aug. 19.—Princess Margaret will fly to Holland when she attends the forthcoming installation of Princess Juliana as Queen of the Netherlands.

She will be accompanied by the Duke of Beaufort, the Countess of Halifax, Lady Margaret Egerton and Wing Commander Townsend. The party will leave for Holland on Sunday, September 5.—Associated Press.



WATCH IT, JUNIOR!—David Rumford came across this "cute little kitty" at Mullet Lake, Mich., and started out to grab it while his parents stood rooted to the spot. Story has a surprise ending, though—the skunk's harmless—and deodorised.—Acme Picture.

China's Fibre Industry's Bright Prospects

Washington, Aug. 19.—China may have a vegetable fibre industry to rival that of any other country in the world if present research and experiments continue, according to Dr. Pierre Sylvain, tropical crops specialist of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation's special advisory group which is currently co-operating with the Chinese Government.

Dr. Sylvain recently returned after two and a half years in China. He said the Chinese Government had requested United Nations aid in stepping up production of fibre crops, mainly because of the need of burlap bags to use in the distribution of food.

He said the project was mainly financed with funds remaining from the UNRRA programme and partly by the United States China Relief Mission.

While other phases of the Chinese agricultural situation are being studied by the group, Dr. Sylvain continued, his main field was in fibre crops and sugar cane.

Since China is not able to purchase Indian fibres because of the world shortage and lack of foreign exchange, the Chinese have been carrying out intensive research with jute, Indian, mulberry and kenaf, he said. Kenaf, a member of the cotton family, was introduced into North China and Manchuria by the Japanese and apparently is more productive than the other two and adaptable to either temperate or tropical climates.

SEEDS DIFFICULTY

Dr. Sylvain said the main difficulty in promoting kenaf cultivation was getting seeds as most kenaf plantations were currently either in Manchuria or in Communist-controlled areas of North China.

However, seed-producing plantations have been started near Peking and Nanking.

Machines for processing fibres are most urgently needed in China, according to Dr. Sylvain. He added that while in the United States he had been discussing the possibility of obtaining machinery. He said he was also interested in getting some American tropical plants which were not being used in China, such as West Indian perennial cotton and hybrid corn from the southern United States. He said there were fruit and timber trees from other Western Hemisphere tropics which might be used to advantage in China.

CHINESE CO-OPERATIVE

Dr. Sylvain said the Chinese had been most co-operative in considering the FAO group's recommendations and advice. He pointed out that the Chinese Government actually had carried out research and experiments, with the FAO group in an advisory capacity only. He added that the Chinese Government was starting nurseries of sugar cane seeds in Kwangtung and Kwangsi and next year in Szechuan, in order to improve the sugar cane strain.

Facilities of the excellent research and experiment laboratory at Peking, originally built by the Japanese, are currently being utilised by the Chinese to the best advantage.

Asked whether such assistance from the FAO might be extended to other countries, Dr. Sylvain said he so far as he knew any member of the United Nations might receive aid insofar as was possible.—United Press.

MR TRUMAN REBUKES MR DEWEY

Washington, Aug. 19.—President Truman today rebuked Governor Thomas Dewey, Republican Presidential nominee, with the implied charge that Mr Dewey is playing politics with delicate matters of foreign policy.

President Truman told the press that the future of Italy's former colonies in Africa is a matter under Big Four diplomatic negotiations which cannot very well be handled politically in the United States.

Mr. Truman did not directly charge, as some high Democrats did, that Gov. Dewey seriously undermined the bi-partisan approach to foreign policy by publicly demanding the result which the State Department is already seeking in secret talks with Russia, Britain and France. But the President clearly implied that he considers Dewey's move as a bid to hold Americans of Italian descent (in Albany, Gov. Dewey served notice that he would continue to speak out on world affairs before the people.

CONSIDERING LOAN

President Truman also said: "The government is considering a \$100,000,000 loan to Palestine but the United States would send no troops on its own accord to the Holy Land. If the United Nations sends a police force and other nations participate, the United States will send its share of troops."

2. The new credit control provided by the Republican anti-inflation law should and will be put into effect as fast as possible but it takes a little time.

3. His campaign plans are still indefinite except for Labour Day trips to Michigan.

4. He cannot comment on the Moscow talks.

5. The Taft-Hartley law has worked just as he said it would when he vetoed it and he agrees with the Secretary of Labour that the law is hampering enough labour relations.—United Press.

Chinese Reds Start New Drives

Shanghai, Aug. 19.—Communists broke a two-week lull in civil war fighting by unleashing three drives this week against Nationalist strongholds.

In widely scattered actions Red Armies:

1. Swept out of Northern Shensi, struck toward Sian, the capital.

2. Slipped out of a trip in Eastern Hopei and moved into Jehol poisoning themselves for an assault against Chengteh.

3. Resumed their attacks against Taiyuan war-lord Yen Hsi-shan's isolated capital in Shensi.

WEAK RESISTANCE

Only one of them—the drive in Shensi—appeared strong enough to rate as an offensive.

Red General Peng Teh-huai's army drove southward down the Yellow River valley, crossed Westward, crossed the Lo River and wiped out weak resistance encountered in Nationalist outposts.

Peng bent all efforts toward breaking a Government line stretching diagonally across Southern Shensi. The line is the Nationalists main defence protecting both Sian and the corridor.

Szechuan is anchored on the west to mountains and on the east to Tungkwang, a Lunghai railroad city at the bend of the Yellow River.

General Hu Tsung-tan whose nationalist forces are ably aided by a division of hard fighting Moslems from Northwestern Chinghai province turned back a similar offensive last spring.

A big battle loomed on the West bank of the Lo River near Tengcheng about 70 miles northeast of Sian.

SAME TARGET

Last spring Hu held his forces around Sian's outer perimeter. The Reds by-passed and isolated Sian and drove through the corridor almost to the border of Szechuan. Hu was saved from defeat by the Moslem division which struck against the Reds' rear from Eastern Kansu.

Apparently Peng Teh-huai is aiming at the same target—the rich fertile Szechuan province, Western China's bread basket.

In North China the Reds again demonstrated their ability to elude encirclement and strike at the Nationalists where least expected.

Red General Nieh Jung-cheng's forces felled a Nationalist attempt to trap them in Eastern Hopei and started a drive in Jehol province, achieving early successes.

Outnumbering their opponents 10 to one the Reds attacked and captured Lanping on the Peiping-Jehol railroad only 35 miles west of Chengteh. They attacked other points 10 miles from the capital.

The Reds renewed their assault against Taiyuan but it was not nearly as strong as the one a few weeks ago when the Communists almost reached the city's walls.—Associated Press.

Taxation, But No Representation

Dorchester, Dorset, Aug. 19.—The Bishop of George, Cape Province, the Rev. Herbert Gwyer, today attacked an undemocratic new South African Government's proposal to take away the Bantu natives' Parliamentary representation.

"It is one of the most disgraceful things in South Africa today that such a very large number of the population who pay in taxes far more than the Europeans should get no representation," he said. "It is not democracy as we know it for one of the essentials of democracy is no taxation without representation."—Reuter.

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GUN BATTLE IN BERLIN
(Continued from Page 1)
Hanson officers were called to come to the scene to deal with the Soviet demands that the "exact border" between the Soviet and Western sectors be defined.

The incident occurred at a point where the American, British and Soviet sector boundaries meet. The British military police said they had left the scene before the Soviet troops arrived.

The Soviet soldiers appeared soon after an irate crowd had hurled bricks through the windshield of a Soviet sector German police car as it sped down Stresemann Strasse, which divides the Soviet and Western sectors. Earlier angry mobs of 4,000 swarmed into the Soviet sector to strip down the Soviet flag and the Communist party banners from the Communist district headquarters. The Soviet flag and banners were burned.—United Press.

Singapore Scrap
Swansea, Wales, Aug. 19.—A cargo of 6,400 tons of scrap arrived here from Singapore today, remnants of petroleum storage tanks which were bombed by the Japanese and Allies during the war. The scrap is destined for local works.—United Press.

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I must apologize! In the two weeks you've been visiting us we've gotten so used to your being around that I forgot to call you for dinner!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Unusual Bid Offers
Interesting Play

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

HANDS played in home groups and local bridge clubs if they are interesting have some value. The fact that a player held 13 spades does not make a good story because there is no little possibility of holding such a hand.

Today's hand came from Harry D. Whitney, an optometrist of Endicott, N. Y. The other three players were Robert Johnson, Ward Allen and Jay Nagle.

As Mr. Whitney did not tell me where the respective players sat, I do not know which one of them made the unusual bid of six no trump. While it is an unusual bid,

AKJ5	Q6	AK1087
AK10	Q832	AK10
AK10	Q543	AK10
AK10	Q754	AK10
AK10	Q100	AK10
AK10	Q86	AK10
AK10	Q42	AK10
AK10	Q70	AK10
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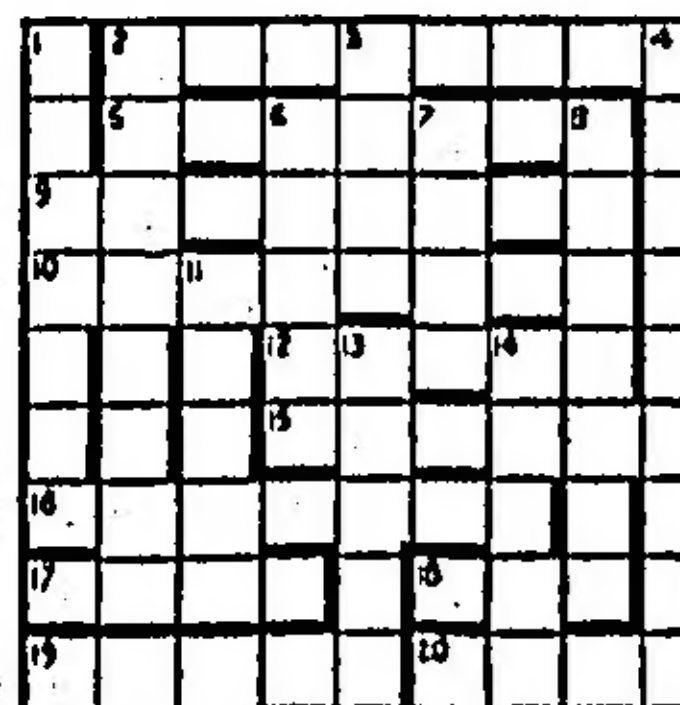
even the expert will make some such bid occasionally with a hand like West held, feeling perhaps that that is the only way to get an unusual result.

North's opening lead of the deuce of hearts forced South's jack and declarer won with the ace. West realized that if the spade suit broke two-to-two, he could count 12 tricks. But if he played out the spade suit and it did not break, he would be in trouble.

Deciding to make the opponents guess once more, he cashed the king of hearts, then led the hearts ten. Believe it or not, North refused to win the ten with the queen. He too wanted to make declarer guess which suit to play.

Now there was nothing for West to do but to cash the ace and king of spades. When the queen dropped, he cashed the jack of spades, led the five-spot over to dummy and discarded the ten of clubs on dummy's good spade, making seven-trumps.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



12. Doctor in a slang way. (5)
13. On the fair side. (6)
14. See 1 Down.
15. An act of gentility. (4)
16. It grew the connection link in a network. (5)
17. Possessive short. (5)
18. A short. (5)
19. A short. (5)
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30. A short. (5)

YOUR BIRTHDAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

BORN today, you have a many-sided nature and are interested in all kinds of things and people. You have considerable energy, and its happiest expression will probably be in fields of music and literature, particularly poetry. Having a deep love of Nature and its beauties, you will want to spend a great deal of your time outdoors.

You are not one to be happy in a confining or restricting desk job. Your first thought when it comes to selecting a career should be to find one that will give you sufficient opportunity for freedom of action.

Being a born diplomat, you are able to make friends with little apparent effort and you attract people into your orbit who can be helpful to the success of your career. You are especially attractive to the opposite sex. This personal magnetism could be very helpful if you were to seek a stage career or one in politics.

You men are interested in public affairs, but will likely go into politics as a secondary interest rather than as a major career. One exception might be if, from earliest youth, you were trained for diplomacy. The chances are, that in this case you would make an excellent career diplomat.

You have a knack for making money. Your native shrewdness when it comes to money matters makes it possible for you to acquire wealth quite painlessly. You are the type to take full advantage, instantly, of a good opportunity without making too many false steps. Marriage can bring great happiness or great despair—be careful when it comes to selecting a life partner.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Make sure of your facts before acting. All that glitters is not gold today, so be especially cautious of new ventures.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Guard against health upset. Postpone any important decision if you are confused in your thinking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Favorable at home or in the office but when afternoon comes be cautious in all your activities to guard against loss.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Use your best judgment in all affairs today for there are adverse tendencies which need to combat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Don't force issues prematurely. Be patient and tactful and you will get over the hurdles more successfully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Postpone plans for travel and all new business ventures until a better day. Stick close to the homefront.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Morning hours are the only hours for progressive action. Get all your best ideas in then. Rest this evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A time to tread water and not lose ground already gained. Don't push against the pricks. Patience wins out.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Avoid any show of extravagance right now and conserve your assets. Definitely not a day for expansion.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Busy time for those in the tourist and vacation-time trades. Make it while the making is good!

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—If connected with contracting, building or engineering, then conditions are better for you than for most.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Be satisfied with consolidating your gains of the past few days without attempting fresh expansion at this time.

SCIENCE AT WORK:

NEED TO INTENSIFY WAR ON VIRUS DISEASES

By PAUL F. ELLIS

SCIENCE has done wonders in discovering drugs to combat bacteria. Now it is time something was done to fight the virus.

So believes Dr. Alton Goldbloom, Professor of Pediatrics, McGill University, Montreal, who was one of the experts attending the first International Poliovirus Conference in New York.

Dr. Goldbloom believes that a world organization to serve as a clearing house for information leading to man's control of virus disease should be established.

He pointed out that in the last decade has been one in which mankind won final control of many bacterial diseases through chemotherapy, the sulfa drugs, penicillin and streptomycin.

Such diseases as infantile paralysis, the common cold, influenza, smallpox, measles and rabies are caused by viruses.

Many of them, Dr. Goldbloom pointed out, can be prevented by such means as vaccination for smallpox.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. Mail close before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 10 a.m. on previous day. Letters are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office, half an hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

Until further notice Parcel Post Service to the Province of Honan, China, is suspended.

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POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE correspondence course of mechanical engineering promised in this column must, of necessity, be very brief.

Lesson 1. Is for sheet metal welding. Having procured the sheet metal and the welder, take the latter in your right hand and weld—carefully, at first.

Phthph

DEAR Sir,
Surely it is merely unfamiliarity that makes Phthph seem a comical name, just as the wild men of Borneo would laugh at Smith. In fact, a man with his mouth full of meat and bread who tried to say Smith would make a sound not unlike Phthph, which is possibly how the name originated. My niece married a man called Gornaway. So many jests were made about the name ("where is your wife? Is she gone away?") and so on that he changed it to Dribble, after an uncle. Yours truly,
Freda Cesspitz.

Not very edifying

I NEVER read anything feebler than the pretence of the Friends of the Olympic Games that the carrying by relay runners of an actress instead of a torch is part of the artistic revival of the age.

On the contrary, it is the grossest and crudest form of publicity. It is neither artistic nor sporting. It is not even economically sound, as the actress has to be fed all the time, and doctored if she is dropped and bruised. And if one of the runners falls in love with her, diverges from the planned route, and settles down with her in a remote cottage, the whole thing collapses.

Without comment

Just to be a pal, he'll push a peanut down the street with his nose. (Article about film actor.)

Take it from me

Striped petrol (red and yellow) will be issued in official egg-cups to those whose holiday jaunt of 150 miles is partly business and partly pleasure.

(Unofficial announcement.)

ZBW RADIO

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Other plans include long-distance highways—one of which would run from Aqaba in the southernmost Palestine on the Gulf of Aqaba to Metulla in the northeastern tip on the Syrian frontier—and an underground railway from Tel-Aviv to Haifa, cutting down the travelling time between the two cities to 48 minutes.

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Opposition members termed the income tax reduction as "chicken feed."—Associated Press.

Seaplane Replaces The Stork

Palermo, Italy, Aug. 19.—A seaplane instead of a stork was credited with the successful birth of the largest known baby in this region today.

The seaplane answered an emergency call to the tiny island of Ustica 30 miles north of Palermo and flew 19-year-old Rosa Padovani Caserta to a hospital in Sicily. She gave birth last night to a son weighing eight kilos.—United Press.

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Police are shown charging scattering pickets when fighting broke out at the Univis Lens plant at Dayton, Ohio, when non-striking workers were escorted into the plant.—AP Picture.

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Roosevelt Offered Dairen To Russians

New York, Aug. 19.—The secret papers of Harry L. Hopkins today revealed that the late President Roosevelt at Teheran first suggested to Premier Josef Stalin the possibility that Russia might have access to the port of Dairen in Manchuria after the war to help meet the Soviet need for warm water ports.

Robert E. Sherwood, who edited Hopkins' papers for Collier's Magazine, emphasized that President Roosevelt first broached the idea at Teheran, "and not at Yalta." Stalin immediately expressed the opinion that China would object to this proposal but President Roosevelt said he thought they would agree to having Dairen made a free port under an international guarantee.

Mr. Hopkins said, "We Americans don't want sovereignty over any lands freed from the Japanese. The United Nations may exercise some sort of protective influence over them. As regards the Philippines when they gain their independence we would still consider it advisable to have Naval and Air bases there under the United States rather than United Nations' control."

UN CONCEPTION

Sherwood said that at Teheran, Mr. Roosevelt told Generalissimo Stalin that his concept of the post-war United Nations included: a worldwide General Assembly, and make recommendations for the solution of global problems. 2. An Executive Committee, including China, Russia, Britain and the United States plus some smaller powers to handle non-military questions. 3. A body which Mr. Roosevelt termed "the four policemen"—China, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States. This would be the enforcing agency with power to deal immediately with any threat to peace. Stalin opined that this proposal for four policemen would not be favourably received by smaller nations in Europe.

For one thing Stalin did not believe that China would not be very powerful when the war ended and even if it were the European states would resent having China as an enforcement authority for themselves.

Generalissimo Stalin, therefore, suggested as an alternative that there be one committee for Europe and one for the Far East. Mr. Roosevelt said although he was fully cognizant of the present weakness of China, he insisted that China must participate in the four-power declaration at Moscow because he was thinking far into the future and believed it better to have the 400,000,000 people of China as friends rather than possible enemies.—United Press.

Body Of Yeats To Be Taken Home

London, August 19.—The Elre Corvette Macha will leave Cork on Sunday for Dublin on the first stage of her trip to Southern France to bring back the body of William Butler Yeats, the poet who died near Mentone in 1939.

A government representative will join the Corvete at Dublin and she will then sail for France via Gibraltar next Wednesday.

The Corvete will return in Sligo where the poet's body will be buried in accordance with his last wishes.—Associated Press.

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